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REFORMER START-UP

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## RENEWED PETITION UNDER RULE 1.78 (a)(3) AND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(3), the Applicants respectfully submit this renewed petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 and a substitute specification amendment in regard to the above-identified patent application in response to the Decision on Petition mailed by the Office of Petitions on August 2, 2006.

The Petition For Unintentionally Delayed Claim For Priority filed by the Applicants on June 2, 2006 was allegedly unacceptable because it contained the non-provisional references in the specification amendment to paragraph [0001] in reverse order. The substitute specification amendment attached hereto has corrected this issue and contains the references in the proper order and format.



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In addition, the Pctition For Unintentionally Delayed Claim For Priority filed by the Applicants on June 2, 2006 was also allegedly unacceptable because the statement by the Applicants that the delay was unintentional varied from the language required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). The statement submitted by the Applicants with regard to the unintentional delay contained in this renewed petition complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

Under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.78, an alleged continuation-in-part application is permitted to claim the filing date of an earlier nonprovisional application if the alleged continuation-in-part applications complies with the following formal requirements: 1) the first application and the alleged continuation-in-part application were filed with at least one common inventor, 2) the alleged continuation-in-part application was "filed before the patenting or abandonment of or termination of proceedings on the first application or an application similarly entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the first application;" and 3) the alleged continuation-in-part application "contains or is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application."

The applicants have amended the above identified application to claim the benefit of and be designated as a continuation-in-part of currently pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 to Berlowitz et al. (hereinafter "Berlowitz') pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3). The instant application and the Berlowitz reference each name Paul J. Berlowitz as an inventor, thereby establishing the first requirement of common inventorship under 35 U.S.C. 120. In terms of the second requirement of 35 U.S.C. 120, the instant invention is copending with a U.S. application entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the Berlowitz reference. More particularly, the Berlowitz reference, currently abandoned, is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14, 1999, also currently abandoned. However, continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending, claims the benefit and is entitled to the priority of both the Berlowitz reference and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728. In terms of the third requirement, the present disclosure has been amended to contain a specific reference to the Berlowitz reference. More particularly, paragraph [0001] of the present disclosure has been amended in the substitute specification amendment attached

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hereto to be a continuation-in-part application and claim the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, currently abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14., 1999, currently abandoned.

The Applicants also submit that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Lastly, the Applicants have already paid the required surcharge pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (t) in the Petition filed on June 2, 2006.

Based upon satisfying all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(3), the Applicants respectfully request the Office of Petitions to grant this renewed petition for an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. No additional fees are believed to be required with this renewed petition, however if any other fee is required, or otherwise necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 05-1330.

If there should be any questions in connection with this petition, the undersigned may be contacted at the number below.

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## SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph.

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application 60/435,044 filed December 20, 2002, and is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14., 1999, currently abandoned, continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, currently abandoned, and continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14, 1999.